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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ATTACKS US SENATORS' LETTER

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1. BY UNANIMOUS VOTE (WITH SEVERAL ABSTENTIONS), PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY JUNE 4 ADOPTED A SENSE OF THE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TERMINING LETTER SIGNED BY 76 US SENATORS ON ISRAELI ISSUE "THREAT TO WORLD PEACE" WHICH WOULD "WASTE THE EFFORTS" OF PRESIDENTS SADAT AND FORD FOR JUST PEACE. RESOLUTION APPEARS TO USG AND PEOPLE TO SEEK TO "BUTTRESS THE FAVORABLE CLIMATE" FOR PEACE SO AS TO "FOIL ZIONIST PLOTTING AND EXPLORE THE REAL INTENTIONS OF ISRAEL". IT ALSO WELCOMES SADAT INITIATIVE ON OPENING OF SUEZ CANAL AND REAFFIRMS ASSEMBLY'S SUPPORT FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS.

2. IN ACCOMPANYING DEBATE REFERENCE WAS MADE TO SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS BY EGYPTIAN AND KUWAITI PARLIAMENTS AND SUPPORT WAS VOICED FOR PROPOSAL OF EGYPTIAN ASSEMBLY CALLING FOR URGENT MEETING OF ARAB PARLIAMENTS TO ADOPT UNIFIED POSITION ON ISSUE. MOST CRITICAL COMMENTS CAME FROM TWO EX-COMMUNISTS.

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MAKKAWI SIMPLY NOTED THAT SENATORS' LETTER HAD FAILED REFER TO LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS AND THAT ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER HAD DECLINED ANSWER QUERY BY PRES FORD AS TO WHAT BOUNDARIES ISRAEL WOULD REGARD AS SAFE. ASSEMBLY WHIP SAID SUDANESE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT MOST CONGRESSMEN DEPENDED ON "ZIONIST" VOTES FOR ELECTION AND CALLED FOR "OPEN DIALOGUE" WITH AMERICAN CONGRESS THROUGH "ARAB PARLIAMENTS ASSOCIATION".

3. COMMENT. ASSEMBLY ACTION, WHICH GIVEN MAJOR MEDIA PLAY HERE, NO DOUBT TAKEN TO KEEP IN STEP WITH OTHER ARAB PARLIAMENTS. HOWEVER, RESOLUTION SIGNIFICANTLY DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN ACTION GROUP OF SENATORS AND US GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE. ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT HIGHEST-LEVEL OFFICIAL QUOTED, I.E., ASSEMBLY WHIP MOHAMED HASHIM AWAD, MADE RELATIVELY MODERATE STATEMENT CALLING FOR DIALOGUE AND NOT CONFRONTATION WITH CONGRESS.
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